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## **INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY INTERVENTION**

### **GENERAL MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2005**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Raymond M. Peterson, M.D., Chair, Karen Johnson representing CDE: Arleen Downing, M.D.; Gretchen Hester; Rick Ingraham representing DDS, Cynthia Jaynes presenting ADP; Hallie Morrow, M.D. representing DHS; Theresa Rossini; Cheryl Treadwell representing CDSS; Marie Kane Poulsen, Ph. D.; Alicia Sheflin Thompson representing DMH.

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jim Bellotti, Toni Gonzales, Thomas Mc Cool, Ed. D., Beverly Morgan-Sandoz, Elaine Fogel Schneider; Ph.D.; Sylvia Carlisle, M.D.

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

See Attachment A.

#### **RECORDERS:**

Patric Widmann  
Kathryn Solorzano

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. ICC members and the audience provided self-introductions.

Toni Doman agreed to serve as co-chair of the Public Awareness Committee and Theresa Rossini will serve as interim chair for the Executive Committee and interim ICC co-chair. Dr. Peterson acknowledged with regret the letters of resignation from Hedy Hansen and Ed Foulk, Department of Managed Health Care.

Jean Brunelli, ICC Community Representative who is retiring from the ICC, was recognized for her many years of service with a certificate and a letter of appreciation from the ICC.

It was announced that an Open House is planned for Mary Ann Walker, Leader-Advocate, on November 19, 2006 in Thousand Oaks, California.

#### **AGENDA REVIEW:**

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes summarizing the September 23, 2005 meeting were approved as written.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Theresa Rossini reported that the Executive Committee received the draft State Performance Plan (SPP) and reviewed the targets for SPP indicators. Action items were discussed and minor changes recommended. The criteria and procedures for the Selection of the Parent Leadership Award were approved with minor changes including the addition that the Executive Committee would approve final selection of the top candidate.

Standing Committees were assigned to review the draft SPP, ICC action items, committee membership needs, and parent recruitment strategies and to identify any unfinished business or topics that had been set aside during the past three years for discussion at the ICC's January Planning Session.

The Executive Committee decided that the Parent Leadership Team would continue to meet as an ad hoc group and would address parent recruitment and retention. The team was invited to participate in the January Planning Session where the structure of the team would be discussed.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT:**

Dr. Peterson reported that DDS has provided a preliminary response (Executive Committee's Attachment B) to the *State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) Priorities, Outcomes and Recommendations* approved by the ICC at the September 2005 meeting. It was requested that the ICC review this document in preparation for the January Planning Session and identify any carryover activities outlined in the recommendations.

### **ICC STAFF MANAGER REPORT**

Cheri Schoenborn announced that a new staff member has joined the DDS, Ms. Wendy Santos. She also reported that staff changes were made to accommodate the unavailability of staff and liaisons due to illnesses.

### **FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS NETWORK OF CALIFORNIA REPORT**

Linda Landry reported on the activities of the FRCNCA. The full report is included as Attachment B. In addition to the report, a "Take Action" handout obtained from the Office of Disability and Health, California Department of Health Services was distributed.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

*ICC 2006 Meeting Schedule for January and September 2006:* The ICC unanimously approved the meeting dates of January 11-12, 2006 and September 28-29, 2006.

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*ICC Target Recommendations for Part C Indicators on the State Performance Plan:* The ICC approved the action item with the following amendments:  
Target for Indicator #13, Mediations, was set at 50% instead of 100%.  
Target for Indicator #4, Family Outcomes, was changed to “to be determined based on establishment of baseline”

*Endorsement of Training and Technical Assistance Collaborators’ Core Messages for Effective Training and Technical Assistance:* The ICC approved endorsement of the Core Messages.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Drs. Kathy Hebbeler and Donna Spiker presented findings from the National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study (NEILS): *Early Intervention Graduates Go to Kindergarten: Thirty-Six-Month Outcomes for Families of Children Who Have Disabilities and Participated in Early Intervention.* (Attachment C & D)

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Each of the committee chairs provided a brief report and noted that meeting notes provide further detail on their activities. Committee meeting notes are contained in the ICC packet.

The ICC Committees discussed the State Plan Performance Plan (SPP) indicators assigned to their committees for recommended targets. It was agreed that the committees would identify proposed agenda items for the January Planning Session and would also review their committee’s composition.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

Jean Brunelli announced that Gina Guarneri is the new chair of the Infant Development Association of California.

Jean Brunelli shared a letter from the Infant Development Association of California (IDA) requesting ICC support in opposing the elimination of funding for the Medically Vulnerable Infant Program (MVIP) (Refer to Correspondence section of the March ICC Packet). After discussion, it was agreed that the ICC will not respond to IDA’s letter based on DHS’ report that the restructure is to improve quality and performance, not to eliminate services.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

#### **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (CDE)**

Jim Bellotti reported and submitted the following report:

#### **CDE Activities for Infants and Toddlers**

- The CDE website has been updated. Special items of interest are: Federal Legislative Updates; California Special Education Programs: A Composite of Laws Database and Supplements; Special Education

Hearings Orders and Decisions Database; Special Education Hearings Archive Database; Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Special Education Unit Homepage; Due Process Hearing Form; *Addressing Learning Disabilities and Difficulties: How to Reach and Teach Every Student..*

- Supported by the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau grant, trainings have been provided for more than 150 Early Start teachers of the deaf and speech/language pathologists in four northern California locations on the "Learn to Talk Around the Clock" curriculum. The final two (of eight) workshops will be in Los Angeles County (December 2, 2005) and in Santa Barbara County (December 5, 2005). This training is targeted for teachers of the deaf, speech language pathologists, and educational audiologists who work with deaf and hard of hearing infants and toddlers and their families. For more information, please contact Nancy Sager at (916) 327-3868.
- Surveys have been sent to local education agency (LEA) Early Start programs regarding the provision of services to deaf and hard of hearing infants and toddlers (in response to Assembly Bill 2909-Salinas). The Department of Developmental Services will be providing information for the study for infants and toddlers who are served by regional centers. For more information, please contact Nancy Sager at (916) 327-3868.

#### Legislative Update

Word has been received that the federal regulations to implement the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004 has been delayed until after the first of the year.

#### Budget Update

- The Governor's 2006-07 Budget Proposal is due to be released January 10, 2006.

#### Interagency Collaboration Activities

- A Request for Proposal has been issued for a Statewide Family Empowerment Center Council.

#### Personnel Update

- Alice Parker is retiring as State Director of Special Education as of this date (November 18, 2005). Mary Hudler has been named as interim State Director of Special Education until such time as a permanent appointment has been made.

**DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS (DADP):**

Cynthia Jaynes reported and submitted the following report:

**Budget**

- ADP has had no changes to the budget since our last ICC meeting.

**FASD Task Force**

- The FASD Task force is looking at the wide variety of screening and assessment tools to identify possible prenatal exposure to alcohol and drugs. There are several instruments health care providers are currently using with pregnant women, including Dr. Ira Castoff's 4 P Plus. They are also looking at screening and assessment tools to identify substance exposed infants and youth in an effort provide needed services in a more timely fashion. Dr. Larry Burd has supplied the Task Force with tools that screen children and adults for both Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and Alcohol-Related Neurodevelopment Disorder (ARND.) The Task Force is not endorsing specific screening and assessment tools, just gathering those that are currently in use.

**Technical Assistance**

The new technical assistance and training contractor for alcohol and drug treatment programs serving women, children, and families is now Children and Family Futures.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (DHS)**

Hallie Morrow reported and submitted the following report:

**Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP)**

**CCS**

- Handout of Numbered Letters provided (See Attachment J).
- Released NL 27-1005 regarding authorization of Synagis for RSV prophylaxis
- Quality Improvement Initiative
- New role for CCS – facilitating quality and performance improvement
- 2 medical conditions
  - Inpatient – NICU Nosocomial infections
  - Outpatient - Diabetes
- 5 tertiary medical centers participating
  - Lucille Packard Children's Hospital
  - UC Davis Medical Center
  - Children's Hospital Orange County
  - Miller Children's Hospital
  - Children's Hospital San Diego

CCS programs participating

- Los Angeles
- Monterey
- Orange
- Sacramento
- San Diego
- San Joaquin
- Santa Clara
- Yolo
- San Francisco Regional Office
- Sacramento Regional Office
- Southern California Regional Office

Identify and implement best practices for

- Clinical management
- Administrative management
- Outcome measures – NICU nosocomial infections, hospitalizations for DKA, mean Hgb A1C levels, family and endocrine center satisfaction with the CCS process, child health-related quality of life indicators
- Seek funding from foundations for implementation
- CCS Evaluation Project
- Dramatic increase in CCS expenditures seen for Healthy Families clients
- Will have San Diego State University, Institute for Public Health evaluate several years worth of claims paid data to see why the costs for the Healthy Families children have risen but the costs for the Medi-Cal and the CCS-only children have remained fairly constant.

HRIF/MVIP

- Restructuring how High Risk Infant Follow-up Services are provided
- HRIF program provides developmental, psychosocial, and medical assessments in a clinical setting.
- MVIP was begun in 1974 as a pilot project.
- MVIP provides health care coordination, home visits, assessments, and family support
- 1400 infants served in MVIP per year. No data on number served in HRIF clinics

GOAL IS TO DEVELOP A NEW SYSTEM OF CARE THAT:

- Increases the number of infants who receive services
- Assures uniformity in services
- Is statewide
- Maximizes available funding resources
- Measures effectiveness of services
- Workgroup of current contractors, neonatologists, developmental
- Pediatricians, CCS representatives have been meeting to determine the type of services that should be provided.

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- Will be releasing an RFA for funding of a HRIF coordinator for all of the Regional NICUs
- Developing a Service Code Grouping for HRIF services, including home assessments
- Working on eligibility criteria
- Data on HRIF services will be collected through the California Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative
- Will be an evaluation component

**TITLE V STRATEGIC PLANNING:**

- Champions for Progress grant – Develop strategies and action plan
- Continuing planning process
- Monthly meetings
- Hope to have plan completed in early 2006

**HRSA INTEGRATED SERVICES GRANT:**

- Implementation of strategic plan

**NHSP**

Annual national Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) meeting in Washington DC February 2-3, 2006.

- Meeting scheduled with Part C Coordinators February 3-4
- Joint sessions with EHDI coordinators on February 3
- Specific early intervention sessions on February 4
- MCHB will pay expenses for one Part C participant per state

**Budget**

- No changes since the last meeting

**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (DMH):**

Alicia Sheflin Thompson reported and submitted the following report:

**Mental Health Services Act**

- The following counties have submitted their Community Services and Support Plans: Colusa, Fresno, Lassen, Los Angeles, Monterey, Placer, San Francisco, and Stanislaus. The DMH has made a commitment to review each plan within 90 days.
- Plans are available for review at the CIMH website.
- The DMH is in the process of hiring consumers and family members to review the Community and Services Support Plans. If you or someone you know may be interested, please complete and submit the application available at <http://www.dmh.ca.gov/MHSA/docs/CFMPoolApp10-18-05.pdf>.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS):**

Cheryl Treadwell reported and submitted the following report:

**New Director**

- The current Department of Social Services Director Dennis Boyle will be leaving at the end of December 2005. The interim Director will be Cliff Allenby from DDS. He will begin with CDSS in January 2005.

**Performance Improvement Plan**

- As stated from at the last ICC meeting, the Performance Improvement Plan ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, however a final meeting was with the federal government on September 8, 2005 along with several community stakeholders to receive feedback on several action items that need further clarification. California is currently at risk for fiscal sanctions if not resolved before the next review process. To date, no state has incurred any fiscal penalties. The next round of Federal Review for California will begin in September 2007. During this overlap year, CDSS will begin to make preparations for that process. The federal government has indicated that they will be focusing on well being items and service array.

**Child Welfare Outcomes and Accountability System**

- The next cycle of review will be occurring for the local county quality assurance process. The benefit of this cycle of review for the Early start stakeholders is another opportunity to participate in the next self assessment and developed the county priorities for self improvement of service delivery. See C-CFSR Triennial Cycle in Handouts.

**Child Abuse and Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)**

CDSS and DDS will be attending a meeting with the LA Early Identification and Intervention Workgroup on November 30, 2005 to discuss CAPTA strategies for CDSS. The All County Information Notice will go out to counties to inform county Welfare Agencies about the new amendment. The CDSS is continuing to focus on this effort in order to comply with the Act.

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DDS) – LEAD AGENCY**

Rick Ingraham reported and submitted the following report:

**IDEA reauthorization:**

- Waiting for Part C draft regulations.
- No new info re: 3-5 option for Part C. Info re: funding, Part B eligibles only, transition at age 5?



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Received OSEP response letter. Incorporating our response in the State Performance Plan.

State Performance Plan (SPP):

- Due to OSEP on 12-2-05.
- Draft SPP using targets proposed by ICC committees.

ICC's 33 Recommendations to DDS.

- Note acknowledgement letter in the packet
- Have prepared preliminary response for each item and shared with ICC Executive Committee. Many will take some time to implement and gauge results.
- One issue: tracking and reporting on progress to the ICC. E.g. tracking matrix in meeting packet with further dialogue with subcommittees as necessary?

Local Monitoring Commitments made to Mary Lynn Clark, Director of IRC:

- Explore ways to achieve program compliance while increasing family friendliness:  
STATUS – Need to begin the process to develop options.
  - Conduct an independent evaluation of the monitoring process:  
STATUS – forward draft questions to members of Keith Penman's committee.
  - Continue to work on the development of child and family outcome measures to answer the basic question: Are children and families better off as a result of participating in this program?  
STATUS – first steps per SPP indicators.
  - Continue to press OSEP to be more flexible on some program requirements if equal or improved child outcomes can be demonstrated.  
STATUS – Expecting some movement by OSEP to be revealed at December meeting in DC.
  - Visit the IRC program to observe their home visit processes first hand.  
STATUS - completed
1. Expanded Newborn Screening
    - a. Estimated 180 -200 new cases annually. RC physicians discussing which conditions should qualify as high risk.
  2. Autism Initiative
    - a. Best Practice guidelines for intervention. Recruiting participants for Advisory Committee. Dialoguing with the National Standards Project.

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3. Training activities
  - a. ALJ training Nov 11.
4. Personnel
  - a. Cliff Allenby to DSS effective January 2006
  - b. Julie Jackson retired. Dale Sorbello now Acting Chief Deputy Director.
  - c. CFSB –6 vacancies

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**STAFF AND OTHERS ATTENDING ICC GENERAL MEETING**  
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**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Jean Brunelli  
Fran Chasen  
Bev Ching  
Terry Colborn  
Kathleen Colvin  
Wanda Davis  
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